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Hiya Folks,

Didn't get a chance to write yesterday - was on a mission and when I got back I was too tired to write. - So - - thinking that today would be a day of rest and I could write, I was contented to let it pass. And what happens? - Darn if I didn't make the schedule again!

Have been flying too steady of late - trying to catch up and get out in front with the leaders. - Now that I've done that, guess I can afford to relax and lay off, unless they keep on flying others close to me. The way that the system seems to be working now is that the highest number of missions

count for everything and seniority
doesn't mean a thing! - Maybe by
next week another policy will be in
effect - there surely is nothing predictable
over here!

Been getting letters from Brother,
Fred, & Sister, all telling me of Brothers
Melba's & Janet's proposed trip to S.C.
Know you will surely have a "rat
race" and wish I were there to be in
on it, too. - We will have to call another
one in session when I get back.
Perhaps to celebrate my birthday?
- Guess Janet will stay a little longer
with you after the others leave, won't
she? - Just happened to think that
she will be 7 years old next month!
Guess she is quite the young lady,
having her own thoughts and making
her own conversation! Probably I

couldn't even begin to keep up to her!

Fred's letter of day before yesterday mentioned that Henry would be leaving for the Army around the first of July. Guess the hospital finally had to let him go. My own personal belief is that he could have done more good, and learned more by staying, tho by now it had probably gotten beyond the point of what any one's decision could be! Suppose he & Phyl hate to see it come, but know Henry is glad in a way, for am afraid it has been a bit more than he could stand seeing everyone else in uniform. Hope I can get to see him. Maybe for awhile he will be stationed near enough to D.C. so that I can get to see him

if it has to be on an Army post, even!

We can't make up our minds as to just what to do with our tent. Have about decided to put in a cement floor, at least, and if I have to tear up our board floor, I know we will. The reason for tearing up the board floor? - I don't know exactly myself, 'cept there has been a gosh awful odor prevailing ever since I got up. - If it is still lingering when I get back, I will be pretty sure there's a dead mouse under the floor! - Not a very pleasant thought (or odor!), but we can't seem to locate the source unless it is that! - Sure hope not, for it is most too hot around these parts to indulge in any such strenuous labors!

I haven't taken any pictures in some little time now. Have a roll almost finished in my camera, so will try to finish it up and maybe get some more prints + negatives off to you. Haven't the slightest idea of what's on the roll, tho, so can't say for sure they are all "sendable"!

I've been pretty lucky, getting to write all this much before "briefing". Hadn't ~~for~~ hoped to get much written. As it is, I can mail this now, and it will get in the same mail as if I had written it yesterday!

So for this time - be good - and please keep 'em crossed! Will write again soon.

Lots of Love,
Frank